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use by the government entity. It increases the value of \$100 to \$250, which is the point at which a government entity may dispense with the more formal procedures found in 60-1903 for gaining license...title to an unlicensed abandoned vehicle. I think the committee amendment will help clarify for cities, counties, law enforcement, State Patrol how to process these vehicles, of which you just wouldn't believe the numbers that are left by the sides of the road and people just don't come back for them because they're not...it's more expense for them to try to deal with it than to just leave it. And then it's a problem. So we're trying to make that process more defined and have some protections for giving notice to the last owner before a vehicle is disposed of, but giving them an opportunity to do it with hopefully a minimum of expense. With that, I'd be happy to try to respond to questions for clarification, if there should be any. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Senator Tyson would move to amend the committee amendments. (See Tyson amendment, AM0120, on page 389 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. My amendment is a very, very simple one. It merely raises the value...the threshold value from \$250 to \$500. It duplicates a bill that I have in that has not yet reached committee. And, if this amendment passes, I can ask universal consent or unanimous consent to pull my bill. The reason that I have raised the...I propose to amend to raise it to \$500 is that the actual value of cars has risen enormously, or it would be more accurate to say that the value of the car has stayed the same, and the dollar has depreciated. But that's neither here nor there. I called a friend of mine who sells used cars. And I said, what can you buy for \$500? He said, have a nice day; nothing. Any piece of junk is worth more than that. He said to buy a usable car now takes in excess of \$1,000 to \$1,200. This merely recognizes that fact. And why it is important I should point out. When a car is moved to...when a car is towed off the streets, wherever